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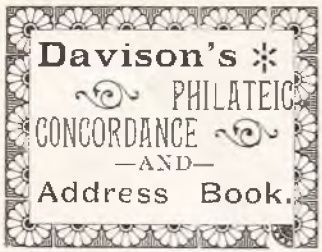

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Mary's Book.

Mary had a little book,
T'was full of stamps, you know,
And every place that Mary went
She took that book also.

She toted it to school one day
Which was against the rule,
The teacher she got mighty mad
To find those stamps in school.

But Mary said to her, (says she,)
"Where's Sarawak? Just begin it."
The teacher scratched her knowledge box
And said, she wasn't in it.

[With due apollgies to Mary's Little Lamb.]

Thoughts and Observations.

But ninety copies of the three pence Western Australia were ever printed with the red surcharge.

The limited supply has already been purchased by a few wily speculators, who will bull the market of these stamps, almost according to their own dictation.

We are constrained to believe that the striking off of but ninety stamps was an intentional action on the part of the person or persons governing their production.

Be as it is, the influence on Philately is by no means a beneficial one.

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Three different catalogues, each proclaimed to be the standard one by its respective publisher, prices the elusive and mysterious three cent pink as follows:

Albrecht.....	$ 6.00
J. W. Scott Co,.....	7.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co,..	8.00

If we were to buy a "pink" we would rule our purchasing price by the first quotation. If we were to sell, it is likely that we would take the latter price as our basis. But if we cared neither to buy nor sell we are in a decided dilemma. It is probable, however, that we would select the "happy medium," i. e., J. W. Scotts price in this particular instance.

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Whilst we of America are being encrouched upon by the extreme minor variety and hair-line distinction, the poor Britisher is passing into a still more unenviable position. H. L. Estrange Ewen, of Suanage, England, has published a priced catalogue of the varieties of the stamps of England.

In looking over the catalogue we find that if two stamps show the most infinitesimal difference they are catalogued as distinct varieties. If a stamp is faded, blurred or cursed with a superfluous amount of ink, due to the

imperfect wiping of the plates, it is considered to be a variety of importance.

It appears that there are some English speculators who are more radically disposed to recognize minute differences than the most rabid "hairline" (if we may coin a word in this country.)

There is 16 varieties of the 1p. black, Great Britain. Gremmel, in his comprehensive catalogue of United States stamps, is somewhat energetic in the furtherance of the minor variety fad, but in no case credits a single value of one issue with more than eight varieties.

The one penny, brown, English is catalogued by Ewen as here shown:

1 d. red brown, 1841.

(a) on blue paper.
(b) on white paper.
(c) ivory head on back.
(d) on very thick paper.
(e) on very thin paper.
(f) on Dickenson paper with silk thread.
(g) hairline through value.
(h) double letter in lower left-hand corner.
(i) double letter in lower right-hand corner.
(j) watermark inverted.

Plate numbers are treated with exhaustively in the catalogue, which is well nigh indispensable to faddists of the plate-number type.

H. S. SWENSEN.

Ripans Tabules cure dyspepsia.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY MANHATTAN.

The boy trade is rapidly falling off in this city, and dealers have lost a large amount of business as there is more profit in dealing with this class of collectors than with the more advanced.

I would advise all collectors who lack the unwatermarked periodical and due stamps to fill them in as soon as possible, as they are sure to advance.

How the mighty hath fallen! About a year ago dealers here were paying from three to four dollars each for unused dollar Columbians. I was present last week when a certain dealer here refused to purchase thirty copies at $1.75 each.

It is said that there are several readers of the Springfield Philatelist who consider Severn's jokes (?) "funny."

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The Philatelic Press.

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The Rocky Mountain Stamp is always good, but the March number is exceptionally so, and is a veritible treat to both the optical and and philatelic senses. Besides the usual cut on the cover there is another within, this latter representing Mr. J. E. Zahn, the editor. Mr. Zahn looks like his magazine, bright, interesting and stylish, reflecting as much credit upon his journal as it does upon him.

Mr. Davis in the initial article makes some good suggestions concerning the elimination from catalogues and albums of the numberless small varieties (?) in paper, grill, etc that many collectors scrowl over yet feel they must obtain. And Mr. Hopkins comes in quite appropriately with some remarks on "Improved Stamp Albums."

The Brooklyn Philatelist, 11 Pullington Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is a new aspirant for honors. It begins with eight small pages and cover, but enlargement is promised at an early date. Price 15c per year.

Another youngster is the three months old Philatelic West, Superior, Neb., whose editor seems to be having a dull time of it, for after stating a wish for good MSS. he adds with pathetic enticingness, "subjects furnished if desired." Here is a chance for would-be authors who can't think what to write about.

Decidedly the most breezy among our exchanges this month is the Evergreen State Philatelist, Hartland, Wash. There is a large amount of interesting and instructive reading matter, several columns of exchange and trade notices, and a good supply of ads.

"The Critic" delivers some rather severe thrusts in his comments on a certain article, thus inducing one reader, (not the one most concerned,) to say that his motto, "Without fear or favor" would be vastly improved by tucking in somewhere the two little words, 'with courtesy." We repeat the suggestion for his benefit.

With all due respect to Philatelic Facts we would suggest that it bear out its name a little better and make itself rather more worthy of the subscription price. The Feb. number contains nothing except one "fact," short acknowledgements of and comments upon a few contempories, tiny editorials and a few spread out ads. Ye editor complains that several papers are too high-toned to exchange, but loftily remarks that he can get along without them. Can he? About the only philatelic facts he publishes are reprinted ones culled from the despised contemporics.

Reprinted matter also abounds in the Feb. Missouri Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo., but the subjects are well chosen and lengthly, the chief being a fine story of the extraordinary find of the St. Louis Bear stamps last year. If the M. P. will learn to go by itself instead of borrowing crutches, i. e. articles from other journals we think the results will be more satisfying to both editor ond readers.

Mr. Geo. H. Hope, in the Seneca Philatelist, Seneca Falls, N. Y., for March suggests the adoption by the United States of a series of Sunday stamps, a la Belgium. Such a series would savor far more of speculation than a necessity, and it is not likely there will be much approval wasted upon the idea, nor that it will be seriously considered.

Though consisting only of short notes the Badger Philatelist, Virogua, Wis., is much more readable than the majority of 4 page publications. The editor announces that he is in the business for money; judging from the subscription price, 10c per year, we thought it was for glory

Still another new one! March sees the first number of the Conn. Philatelist, published at 15c per year by the Silver City Stamp Co., of Meriden, Conn. We have had over 60,000 different philatelic publications already if a recently seen item may be believed, and surely did'nt need an addition to the list, but nevertheless we wish the C. P. good success and a speedy growth in size.

Amy L. Swift.

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With Editor's Quill

There are many collectors of philatelic literature in this day and age who are devoting much of their time and money towards founding private libraries to include all the published handbooks on stamp subjects, as well as bound volumes of the better class of stamp publications. In view of this fact it has seemed to us that a uniform size for stamp magazines would be a boon greatly to be desired and encouraged. If all philatelic magazines would adopt the "Century" size, that is, a size of page identical with the Century Magazine, the volumes when bound and placed side by side on library shelves would appear to much better advantage than do they now with their great irregularity in size and shape.

THE HOME WORKER has made a start in this direction with the new volume which is to be much commended.

The style adopted by the Pennsylvania Philatelist in its holiday issue, and later by the International Philatelist in its New Years number, that of alternating the pages of reading matter with pages of advertisements is hardly an innovation which will please those who preserve their papers and bind them into permanent form. Besides detracting from the appearence of the paper it also gives a bulk to bound volumes which would not be if the advertising pages might be detached before going to the bindery. We trust that no more papers will fall into the habit, and that these two, afore mentioned, will desist from the practice.

The new issue of the French Republic, or the soon to be issue, is exiting general comment in the professional press of the country and the leading papers of the metropolis have been giving enlarged illustrations of the stamps

as they are to appear, The design is quite neat, being the work of a foremost French artist, and if the engraver and the printer do their share of the work as well no doubt the philatelic world will have in France's new issue something to be proud of.

The interest in Cuban stamps is increasing and a recent letter from a prominent dealer informs us that he is kept busy laying in stock to meet the demand for early Cuban issues. It is not without some degree of pride that your editor recalls his having written an article on specialism. "Cuba—Why not?" which appeared in a southern philatelic journal about a year ago, in which he urged American collectors to pay less attention to the semi-speculative issues of Hawaii, and give more thought and time to the Spanish colony to the south of us. Our prediction is coming true as to their ultimate popularity and rise in price, and we are thankful that we took some of our own advice and nearly completed our compliment of Cuban issues before the boom. How many others did likewise?

Summer will soon be with us and the political pot will begin to boil in the various societies. We fervently hope that our hobby will be spared the responsibilities of a warring campaign; that nothing will be said or done in political circles to breed animosities among brothers; that without pledging support to even your best friends you will when the time comes for casting your ballot as a member of the society to which you belong, you will be governed by your own conscience and good judgment in the selection of standard bearers, for only in that way may good result to all concerned and philately rise above a cesspool of political slime and trickery. Let each one do his part to make stamp collecting and its interests the prime object of social banding together and less of political man-serving for spoils of office.

The Editor greets the Knoxville Society with hearty good-will, for it is rare that the South has in the ten years we have been connected with philately seen such a worthy movement. That there are thousands of energetic collectors all through the South we have learned by private correspondence with many of them in the years past and present, and their banding together we hail as a good omen. Hearty cheer to you all, and in the language of the Knickerbocker, famous in song and story: "May you live long and prosper."

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

Canadian Stamps

We would like to say to our Canadaian friends that we cannot use their native stamps. In remitting small amounts kindly send silver or U. S. stamps.

Columbian Stamps.

To those who have wrote me offering 1 and 2c col. stamps for sale, I wish to say that I do not care to buy any columbians except the higher values. I will buy any good stamps and pay cash when the prices are right.

C. P. GALYON.

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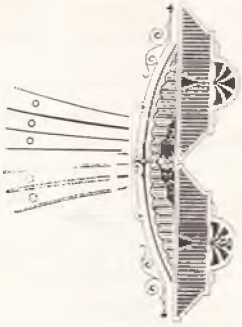

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IN ALL YOUR LIFE DID YOU EVE

[While a great many Dealers availed themselves of the above liberal offers last month, there was some who did not, and in order to allow all wide-awake Dealers to test the merits of THE HOME WORKER'S advertising columns, we will hold the offers open until further notice.]

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Special Offer No. 4.

Send us $2. to pay for two insertions of a four inch ad. to commence with our next issue, and we will give you two extra insertions of same ad., twelve insertions under the head of "Dealers Directory," 100 6¾ white envelopes, 100 Linen Note Heads, with your name and business printed on, both the envelopes and note heads, and one year's subscription to The Home Worker, free of charge. You save $4,25,

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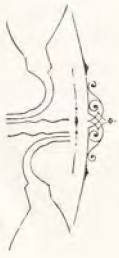

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On April 3d the regular monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the residence of C. B. Tompkins. Dr. B. D. Brabson was elected a member. The Sales Superintendent made a satisfactory report as to the working of his department, and after some instructive remarks from the President and others, the meeting adjourned.

Local Items.

It is strange what an affection one has for the stamps of their native land. Our worthy Vice President is working hard on his Columbian Republic pages. Every month sees the vacancies growing smaller. While he is comparatively a new Disciple his collection in this country is rapidly nearing completion and then he will join the army of specialists. Our Sales Superintendent, while he has been in this country many years, and is a general collector, with a fine collection of old Europeans, has a strong weakness for Great Britain and Colonies.

Our Secretary collects only United States and British Empire. Our President's weakness is old United States, his collection being practically complete in Departments and the early issues of adhesives. He is now sorting over his accumulation of entire envelopes and when he has them catalogued and arranged will have several hundred varieties. Thirty years worship at the philatelic shrine has its own reward.

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Some of our young friends can make very creditable displays; several of the boys have from one to three thousand varieties and it is to the credit of the elder members that they are always ready to lend a helping hand and many a vacancy in the boys' books has been filled by gifts from the officers and members of the K. P. S. This is right, we can remember the pleasure it was to us years ago to find a stamp we wanted and even now we feel more solid pleasure in finding one stamp or variety than in several for which we exchange filthy lucre. Help the boys all you can, they are the coming strength of the army and if they lose interest Philately dies with us.

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One of our members who purchased

a collection in Burma which was practically complete in native Indians, etc., found four of the rare "Afghans," sets of Cashmere, etc, and as he is not a general collector he broke up the collection and sent the stamps on circuit.

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Speaking of Circuits, the experience of several members has been a delay of months before books are returned to the owners. Can anyone suggest "ways and means" whereby this delay can be avoided?

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One of our members had the good fortune to pick up several of the coveted left-hand panes of plate 170, and having supplied his friends at cost is now ready to dispose of the balance at rock bottom prices.

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Bicycling has no doubt cut off the supply of spare cash heretofore expended on our hobby. But bicycling weather cannot last always and with the return of the cold weather the "scorchers" will return to their old love with its cozy accompaniment of a good fire and well lighted room. In the meantine those who pick up bargains while they may, will be on the right side of the fence later on and have the laugh on their less successful brothers.

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Locally there is no sign of any diminishing interest. All our collectors are regular sponges, absorbing everything that comes their way and several of the boy collectors are rampant on the war path.

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Can we induce our venerable looking Postmaster to introduce the weather reporting cancellation stamp? It is in use at Racine, Wis., and other places and is found to be a very convenient mode of conveying valuable information

If you should receive two copies of this month's paper, hand one to a friend.

GENERAL NOTES.

BY BRITON.

And still the Speculative issues come. The true remedy is with the collector. As long as there is a market for the labels some dealers will continue to handle them. Let us combine and absolutely refuse them a place in our collection, if necessary cut out the page or cover it with blank paper inscribed "died of an over dose of S. S. S. S."

The Daily Stamp Item makes its appearance every morning; lets us in on the ground floor, so to speak, and while I am not in favor of speculation in connection with Philately, those interested along that line can glean valuable information from its columns. I look for it as regularly as my breakfast and appreciate it "almost" as much.

Mr. Chas E. Shaw, the Sales superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia seems to be a hustler and he certainly keeps the members of that Association well supplied with Circuits. He has hit the right nail on the head by sending smaller Circuits, and frequently the sales on the aggregate must be larger than if he sent larger circuits less frequently. As a rule the majority of collectors whose pocket books are not over plethoric will spend more in a given time if the expenditure is not called for at one time.

Chicago upholds her reputation—another issue of counterfeit U. S.

It would not be a bad thing to pick up the stamps of the British Colonies in South Africa, if Mr. Cecil Rhodes' idea of a united South Africa comes to a head, the stamps of British Bechuanaland, Zululand, British South Africa Co., etc., will soon be at a premium.

Now that one of our Senators has lodged a complaint about the current

issue, are the chances increased for a new issue? It is well worth thinking over.

We have one thing to be thankful for and that is the falling off in Auction catalogues.

I have seen a Natal six pence, lilac, like Scott's A6 No. 16, perf. 12½, with watermark large open double line C instead of crown and c c. It is not catalogued by either Scott or Stanley Gibbons, but has all the appearence of being a genuine stamp. Can anyone give any information on the subject?

The new "Cubans" have not arrived in town yet, and several collectors are waiting for them,

Why don't our album publishers issue every year a set of sheets prepared for the late issues? They would find a ready sale for them. Collectors don't want a new album every year, but they would jump at the loose sheets. It is strange that our enterprising friends, the Mekeel Co., have not caught on long ago.

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To Stamp Collectors.

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VIRGINIA.

The writer, though not a resident of "The Old Dominion," has for several years made his Virginia collection his especial care and hobby.

The memories of the Cival War, called to mind by the names of Virginia's postoffices, first attrac ed my attention to the State.

Vienna, Laurel Hill, Bull Run, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Fortress Monroe, Williamsburg, West Point, Yorktown, Hanover C H., Fa r Oaks, Seven Pines, Beaver Dam Mills, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania C H., Suffolk, City Point, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Bermuda Hundred, Winchester, Ream's Station, Alexandria, Danville, Manassas, Centreville, Richmond, Appomattox, (its name was ingloriously changed to Surrender by the P. O. Department a year or so ago), and a score or more other postoffices remind the collector of the stirring scenes of '61-'65,

But Virginia has other claims upon the postmark collector. At Jamestown was the first English settlement in America. Mount Vernon on the Potomac was Washington's home and at Alexandria he attended church. Shadwell was Jefferson's birth-place and at Charlottesville his palatial residence, known as Monticello. At University, a post-station of Charlottesville, is situated the famous University of Virginia, founded by jefferson. At Yorktown Cornwallis surrendered. Near Fortress Monroe is National Soldier's Home.

Old Point Comfort, long ego discontinued its mail now going to Fortress Mo roe, Virginia Beach and Colonial

Beach savor of the sea and of summer vacations. Wallaceton and Cypress Chapel are on the outskirts of the famous Dismal Swamp.

Natural Bridge, Weyer's Cave, Lusay, Grottoes, Rockbridge, Alum Springs, Rockbridge Baths, Buffalo Lithia Springs, Big Stone Gap and a host of others tell of the wonders of nature of Virginia's wild mountain scenery. Cape Charles, Princes Anne, Isle of Wright, King and Queen C. H., Prince George, King William and King George remind us of the Old World.

Powhatan C. H. and Pocahontas (the later a famous coal-field), bring to memory Colonial history.

I only have space here to suggest the attractiveness of the field. Let the reader run through the list of Virginia postoffices in his postal guide and he cannot fail to be impressed with the historic association, the euphony and the suggestiveness in the names. After spending an hour over some extremely prosaic state in my album, I find it refreshing to turn for a moment to my Virginia postmarks.

I sincerely hope that the present mania for short, meaningless names will not influence the P. O. Department to destroy the individuality of any more by striking off their prefixes and suffies or shortening their orthography.

But alas, the mutilation has already commenced and no one can say where it will end. The Department has already taken away the venerable suffix "C. H." from most of the southern postoffices and applicants for the establishment of postoffices are instructed by the U. S. Postal Guide to select short names without prefixes or additions.

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